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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10TH, 2024

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

6:00 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 5:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of 4th Sunday of Lent

PRAYER FOR LAETARE SUNDAY

Dear Jesus,

We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen. ©LPi



CONFIRMATION 2024

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bradley on Monday, June 3rd at the 6:00pm Mass at St. John's. All Catholics, Grade 5 and up, are invited to sing-up for preparation. There will be five sessions that will begin on Sunday, April 7 at 6:00pm in the St. Mary's Church Sartori Hall. There will be an information session for candidates and parents next Sunday, March 17 at 6:00pm in St. Mary's Sartori Hall. Please complete a registration form available at the church entrances.



Our **Lenten Penance Service** will be this Sunday, March 10 at 3:00pm at St. Mary's Church. See the March calendar for dates and times of other penance services in our area!

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 9th, 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips (Paula & Sons)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Richie Klempa (Mike & Tom Gorshe & Families)

Sunday, March 10th, 4th Sunday of Lent

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Mary M. Hodorowski (Husband Joe)

11:00a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

Monday, March 11th

6:00p.m. (SJ) + Mark Jr., Mark Sr., Mike Tony & Rhea Rose (Paul Rose)

Tuesday, March 12th

8:00a.m. (SM) + Cindy (Vasey) Haswell 1 yr. anniversary deceased (Mom & Family)

Wednesday, March 13th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Rhea Rose (Paul Rose)

Thursday, March 14th

8:00a.m. (SM) + Jerome V. Amato (Francine Amato)

Friday, March 15th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Sandy Evans (Gloria Le Masters)

Saturday, March 16th, 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00p.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Richard Cope (Wife & Family)

Sunday, March 17th, 5th Sunday of Lent

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Christopher Lyden (Mom & Family)

11:00a.m. (SM) + Ed & Irene Snyder (Family)



Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of March 2/3

St. Mary's: Adult (59env) \$2,625, Loose \$161, Solemnity of Mary (1env) \$10, Easter Flowers (1env) \$25, Ash Wednesday (3env) \$25, Rice Bowl (2env) \$24, Steubenville Register (3env) \$30, St. Vincent de Paul (4env) \$30, Grade School (5env) \$55, Building Fund (4env) \$110, Food Pantry (3env) \$95, Candles \$38

St. John's: Adult (101env) \$3,637, Loose \$490, Easter Flowers (11env) \$230, Holy Thursday (1env) \$20, Catholic Relief Service (1env) \$20, Steubenville Register (3env) \$30, St. Vincent de Paul (10env) \$201, Building Fund (3env) \$90, Priest Retirement (5env) \$360, Candles \$71



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in your prayers

PRAYER LIST

Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names*

will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following: Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, , Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Lawrence Lotz, Baby Everett Sommers, Steve Kiss Jr., Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Paul Heagy, Courtney Kosky Johns, Pat Tedeschi, Natalie Zimmerman, Ed and Rose Grammar, Irene Lloyd, Susan Gray, Matthew McMahon, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Bryan Grimm, Sydney Battistelli, Dr. Matt Sokus, Christian White, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Sandy Fijalkowski, Ted Corder, Tom Galinski, Barney Wiley, Susan Vasey, Gilbert Patt, Bob, Bill & Tom, Julie Sharpe, Brie Griffen, Chris Adams, Ferdinand Creutz, Adolph Knackstedt, Hart Brader, Rev. Sergey Loktionov OFM, Rev. Dave Burrell CSC, Rev. Temesgen Petros SDB, Rev. Aziz Halaweh, Sally Shopper, Judith Weckbacher, Debbie Respole, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Sally Traversa, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Eric Allen, Herk Sparachane, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Margaret Biernot, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, James Jeter, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, Dan Busack, John Hanasky, Anna Johnson, Beverly, Beau Boston, Mary De Genova, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Susy Sands, Laine Castello, Sandy Grimm, Theresa Baker



Lord, bless and protect those serving our

country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzels, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko,

HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff Sgt. Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt. Zachary Popovich, Lance Cpl. John Morgan, Jr., Pvt William Clegg, Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Corporal Vincent J. Kolenich II, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'condre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beverdidge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook



A LENTEN DAY OF SPIRITUALITY
FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Next Saturday, **March 16th, 2024** at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. The theme will be Eucharistic Revival. The fee of \$25 is payable in advance, which covers lunch and refreshments. Make reservations through the parish office. It's not too late to sign up! Call or text 740-298-4158



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations are this Friday at 6:30pm at **St. Mary's again (twice in a row)!** *SJC Academy has Stations of the Cross every Friday at 1:40p.m. at St. John's Church. All are welcome!*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Caring Crafters—turn in 50/50 Palm Sunday raffle tickets
St. Mary's Grade School Fundraiser—online Serris Easter Candy orders. See prior bulletins for details or church bulletin boards.

St. Mary's Fish Fry—Friday's 11am-6pm. We didn't run out of fish this past Friday! Call 740-340-5061 to order.

40 Hours Devotion—see sign-ups at church entrances.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call “forgiving light.” But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

“Is this really me?” you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

“And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.” — John 3:19 ©LPi

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

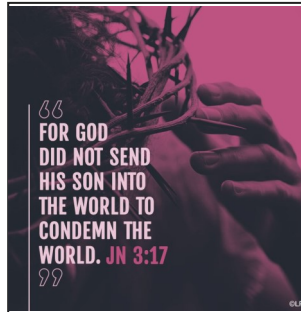
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls “condemning the world.” We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It

will be some version of: “We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great.” Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: “**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**” (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Rose Ann Lofton, Donald Derwicki and Sue Biernot**. We offer our prayers also for the comfort of their loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*

This Week

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent/Daylight Savings Begins

9:30-10:45a.m. PSR (SM)

3:00pm Penance Service (SM)

4-6pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (SM Sartori Hall)

Monday: 1-3pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (SJH)

Tuesday: 9:00a.m.-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SM)

6:00pm Pastoral Council (SJH)

6:30pm Penance Service (St. Sylvester, Woodfield)

Wednesday: 5:30pm Caring Crafters (SJH)

Thursday: 7:00pm OCIA (SJH)

Friday: 11:00am-6:00pm Fish Fry (SM)

6:30p.m. Stations of the Cross (SM—**twice in a row!**)

Saturday: 8:00am Lenten Day of Spirituality for Women (St. Mary, Marietta)

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent/Happy St. Patrick's Day

9:30-10:45a.m. PSR (SM)

4-6pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (SM Sartori Hall)

6:00pm Confirmation Meeting (SM)

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 10, 2024



Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripberger | Fearless | Episode 5
Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripberger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



Week Four | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT
In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



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4th SUNDAY OF LENT



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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

5th Sunday of Lent / March 17, 2024

First Reading: All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

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CCC 606-607: Christ's life an offering to the Father

CCC 542, 607: Christ's desire to give his life for our salvation

CCC 690, 729: the Spirit glorifies the Son, the Son glorifies the Father

CCC 662, 2853: Christ ascended in glory as our victory

CCC 56-64, 220, 715, 762, 1965: the history of the covenants



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE **The Most Basic Right**

"The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." -- Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* (1988), n. 38.



*Let my tongue be silenced,
if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)*



SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born Margaret Alacoque in a small village in France. After her father died when she was eight years old, she was

sent to a convent school run by the Poor Clares where she became bedridden with rheumatic fever. For four years she was confined to her bed until she made a vow to Mary, Mother of God, to consecrate herself to religious life. Following this vow, her health was restored. Throughout her childhood and early adulthood, Margaret continued to have religious visions of Jesus.

In 1671, at age 24, Margaret entered the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary and took the name Mary when she professed her vows. During her time in the convent, she had series of mystical experiences — most notably, her encounters with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. According to her accounts, Jesus appeared to her and revealed his Sacred Heart, burning with love for humanity and instructed her to devote herself to adoration of the Eucharist every Thursday night during a holy hour which she immediately incorporated into her routine. He also instructed her to celebrate a new feast, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St. Margaret Mary dedicated herself to promoting the feast and adoration of the Eucharist. Her visions and messages were met with skepticism initially, but she trusted God's guidance. In 1688, just two years before she died, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated for the first time in the Church's liturgical calendar. Eventually, her holy hour of adoration also became a popular tradition among Catholics worldwide. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us! ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: We hear how God reacted strongly against Israel's disobedience and infidelity, ultimately sending them to exile in Babylon. But God also showed mercy to Israel in sending king Cyrus of Persia to rescue them. *As we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, for what do you need God's mercy in your life?*

Second Reading: Paul taught the Ephesians that by God's mercy and grace, we have been saved through Christ for the good works that God has prepared for us. *Where in your life do you feel like you are doing God's work?*

Gospel: Jesus taught Nicodemus that God loves the world and desires to save it. *In what ways do you show love and respect for our world?* ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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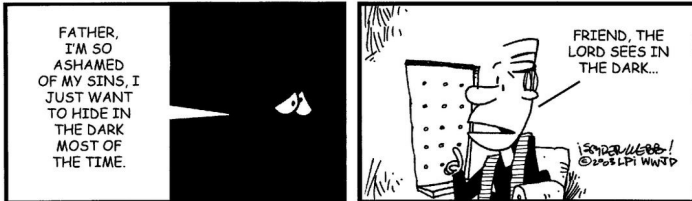
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God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ.
Ephesians 2:4-5

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Differences Between Priest & Brothers

Question: *What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?*

Answer: The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

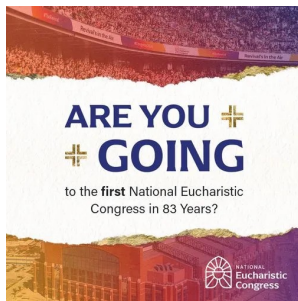
The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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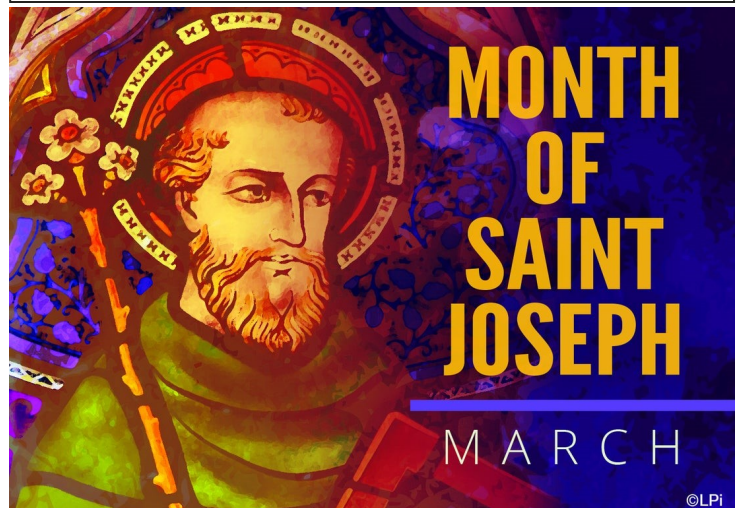
Diocese of Steubenville presents

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

July 17-21, 2024...5 days

Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. The trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799.00 per person double occupancy (triple, quad & single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

See brochure on church bulletin boards for more info!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God's Profound Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings and not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?

Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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July 17–21, 2024

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Would your family like to attend this momentous event in the life of our Church here in the United States? The parishes may be able to pay for your registration so that you can attend - make it a family vacation! Please contact Fr. Dan if interested ASAP.

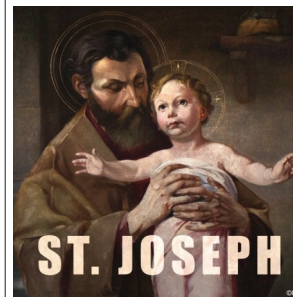


Can we see the goodness around us?

Jesus encountered a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly. ©LPi



Novena for the Solemnity of St Joseph

Saint Joseph occupies a special place among the cloud of witnesses in heaven. In the Collect (opening prayer) for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19, the Church recalls

how he watched over the beginnings of the mysteries of human salvation in the life of Christ. Christ wills to repeat those very same mysteries in our lives. In us, Christ wills to be born, to die, to rise, and to ascend to the Father's right hand. Saint Joseph, who faithfully cared for the beginnings of these mysteries, faithfully cares for us as these mysteries are perpetuated in our hearts, homes, and communities.

The USCCB has composed a novena to be prayed yearly on March 10-18, the nine days that precede the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19. Each day of the novena is accompanied by a reflection video from bishops across the United States. The novena may also be adapted for use at other times of the year, especially feasts celebrating Saint Joseph and occasions when his intercession is sought by the faithful.

There are printed copies of this novena at the entrances to church. To view this novena online, with links to the video reflections, go to:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/novena-for-the-solemnity-of-saint-joseph>

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light. ©LPi

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month! Men: celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH! Info at www.aoh.com, [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://www.facebook.com/roadbowling) or Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350.



HOUSE BLESSINGS



Fr. Dan is scheduling annual house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed please sign up at the church entrances and Fr. Dan will schedule a time to come and bless your home and family.

RESPECT Life



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

We have begun our Spiritual Adoption Program to pray every day over the next nine months for a baby that is in danger of abortion and his/her parents. Sign up with your name and your adopted baby's name on the sheets at the church entrances and take a copy of the daily prayer.



We have Adoration of the Blessed sacrament every Tuesday, 9:00am-5:00pm, St. Mary Church

Would you consider signing up for an hour or signing up to be a substitute, to fill in when regular adorers can't be there? Please call the parish office today!

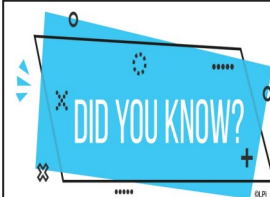


St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our parishes have a conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our patron is St. Martin de Porres. We are called the "St. Martin de Porres Conference". A "conference" is the basic unit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on the parish level and is made up of parishioners of St. John's and St. Mary's parishes. We meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the St. John's Church basement. We respond to requests for assistance that come to the parish office.

Do you or someone you know need assistance? You can reach someone from the St. Vincent de Paul society by calling or texting 740-340-8540.

Would you like to learn more about our conference? Call the number for more information or come to one of our meetings. neighbors. Come check it out!

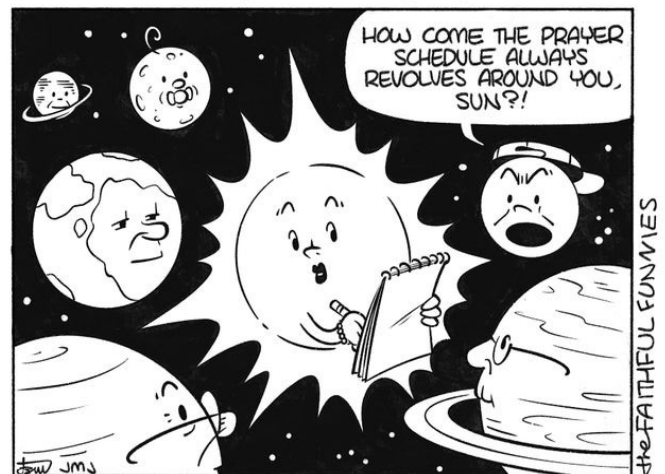


CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, what symbol or sign is associated with Saint Jerome?

Answer: The lion. ©LPi

"How did the solar system make enough time to pray?"



"They had to PLANET."



While many prayers arise within the moment, it's wise to section time in the day to make space for conversation with God in prayer.

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